



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GEAR UP GEORGIA WEEK

- WHEREAS: The Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federally funded, competitive grant program designed to increase access to higher education and prepare a greater number of low-income students to enter and succeed in postsecondary institutions; and
- WHEREAS: GEAR UP Georgia serves more than 11,000 students and their families in grades eight through twelve. By focusing on underserved communities, GEAR UP Georgia helps students in more than 40 schools across Georgia build strong academic foundations to ensure greater opportunities for future success; and
- WHEREAS: GEAR UP Georgia provides students from low-income, predominately minority and economically disadvantaged communities with the tools to succeed in higher education. The program offers a number of academic support services, including tutoring, mentoring and rigorous academic preparation, as well as information regarding financial aid and college scholarships; and
- WHEREAS: GEAR UP Georgia is made possible by public-private partnerships and resources provided by state agencies, businesses and community organizations; and
- WHEREAS: GEAR UP Georgia partners include the J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development, the Georgia Alliance of Education Agency Heads, the Georgia Department of Education, the Governor's Office of Student Achievement, the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education, the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the Orange Duffel Bag Initiative, the Scholarship Academy, the Technical College System of Georgia and the University System of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia remains committed to increasing access to higher education and providing all students with the knowledge and critical skills needed to succeed both in the academic setting and in the workforce; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2017, as GEAR UP GEORGIA WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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